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In re Application of:

David A. Offord et al.)	
Serial No.: 10/624,095)	Art Unit: 1771
Filed on: July 21, 2003)	Examiner: not assigned
For: Composite Fibrous Substrates Having Carbohydrate Sheaths)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. and foreign patents and publications called to attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law. Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent or publication asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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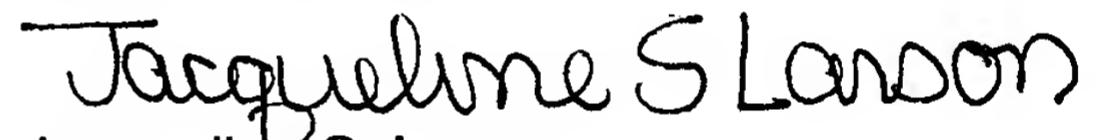
or submitted to the Office in a prior application, provided that the prior application is properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Copies of the above references, listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, were either filed in patent application Serial No. 10/059,657, which application has been relied on under section 120 in the present application, or they are U.S. patents, copies of which no longer need to be supplied.

Copies of references B20-24 and C1-2 have not been previously supplied to the USPTO; therefore, copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office, accompanied by PTO Form 1449, and are intended to assist in placing the application in condition for instant allowance.

Applicants request that the documents listed in PTO Form 1449 be made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the patent application, that is, within three months of the application filing. Hence, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), and no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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	A2	4,029,867	6/14/77	Wasley et al.			
	A3	4,032,495	6/28/77	Perronin et al.			
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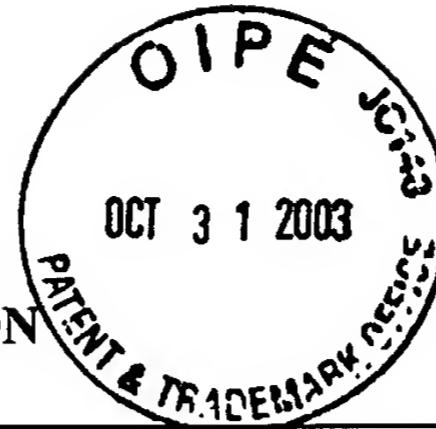
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	A22	4,971,835	11/90	Munch	427	421	
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B22	WO 99/49124	9/30/99	PCT - WIPO			
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